GOMC In-Person Meeting
July 2022 - Portland, Maine

Key points of discussion

● US / Canada priorities for coastal and marine spatial planning

● NERACOOS ocean acidification monitoring

● Collaboration between GOMC and Gulf of Maine Research Institute, especially around climate change (science + adaptation planning)

● Regional collaboration to address marine debris
GOMC Awards Ceremony
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Regional Collaboration to Address Marine Debris in the Gulf of Maine

Funding:
- NOAA: $367,839
- Match: $448,158

Two-Year Project:
- October 2021 – September 2023
Excellent US / Canada Partnership

+ Nova Scotia Beach Garbage Awareness
and many other regional and local partners
Highlights from First Year

- Conducted 282 coastal cleanups
- Engaged 2,271 volunteers
- Removed 23,335 pounds of debris from coastal sites located throughout Gulf of Maine
Highlights from First Year

- Collected **9,100 lbs.** of discarded fishing related rope to recycle or repurpose
- Hosted workshops to promote creative reuse
International Collaboration

- Presentations / poster session at 7th International Marine Debris Conference, Busan South Korea (Sept 2022)
- US / Canada sessions with GOMC (Dec 21/ July 22)
Outreach / Education

- Outreach to 3,435 boaters at NE Boat show
- Educated 703 students
- Signed up 7 new ocean friendly restaurants
Social Media & Project Website

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